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PROGRAM RECAP

Matthew Doty Iowa National Guard

Matt Doty with the Iowa National Guard talked about his career to help illustrate the skills that service personnel can offer to an organization and community.

He began by reciting the Non-Commissioned Office Creed, sharing that each line was important. As a teenager, he didn't know what he wanted to do but wanted to go to college. A recruiter told him they would help pay for college. After college, he went full time with the Guard and felt it was one of the best decisions of his life.

He was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and directed operations for those going out to find explosive devices before they were blown up. It was a very dangerous task for those going out to find them and he has major respect for them.

Later, he had an opportunity to work in Iowa City and had 500 soldiers in 12 different locations. As he moved on to further work with the guard in Des Moines, he was planning training for 7000 soldiers. But his family was back in Fairfield so he made the decision to quit his employment and move back with his family.

At a Rotary meeting in Fairfield, he was offered an opportunity to talk about Veterans in the Workplace. They have the values that any employer wants such as loyalty, honor, respect, integrity, duty and courage.

The makeup of the Guard is changing. There is more racial diversity, more women, and lower ages. He talked about three misconceptions of military personnel. 1 PTSD is at 7% in veterans, but 6% in the civilian population. 2, They have many ways of working with their people because they recognize the differences in people. They are not just the "yelling drill sergeant," and 3. People think that others join the military because they lack education. Not true. 71% of applicants don't qualify due to lack of physical ability, crime record or education.

Matt stressed that veterans bring valuable talents and experiences to any organization. They may need training in a new position, like any new employee. He also shared that their spouses are untapped resources - they have experience in working in lots of places, but may have gaps in their resumes because of moving with their military spouse. One resource is Home Based Iowa which helps veterans move to Iowa, covering moving expenses. There is also a tax incentive for employers.

program notes submitted by Becky Bray

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Annual Service Above Self Gala

Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Doors open at 5:30.

No cash? No problem! Scan below to send \$ to @NSRotary via Venmo.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, November 21st : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH
Fri, November 21st : Prep for Gala by meeting at Time Tower at 10am to take auction items over, set up room at Waterfront 11 am until completed. Volunteers needed.
Fri, November 21st : no regular noon meeting due to Gala
Fri, November 21st : Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center Doors open at 5:30
Fri, November 28th : No meeting, Holiday break
Fri, December 5th: 10:30 am Program Committee meeting
Fri, December 5th: Nicole Cisne Durbin with Family Resources introducing and describing successes of the CAP program arranged by Jeremy Kaiser at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, December 12th: Board Meeting 10:30 Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, December 12th: Rick Davis, Moment's performance group arranged by Deanna JV at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, December 19th : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH
Fri, December 19th: Holiday Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Dec 26th: No Meeting Holiday Break
Fri, Jan 2nd : No Meeting Holiday Break
Fri, Jan 9th : TBA arranged by Marcia Brandt at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Jan 16th : Date held for holiday party
Fri, Jan 23rd : TBA arranged Josh Koerprich at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Jan 30th : Membership Development Committee Presentation

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Dec. 5th: Diane Papke-Cole & Fred Mulch

Dec. 12th: Ken Rohwedder & Mitch Amhof

Dec. 19th: Marcia Brandt & Stephanie Eckhardt

NEWSLETTER:

Dec. 5th : Sam Culver

Dec. 12th: Bill Hoover

Dec 19th : Mindy Leahy

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Dec 5th: Jim Smith

Dec 12th: Nathan Kessler

Dec 19th: Kelly Meyer

INSPIRATION:

Dec 5th: Scott Case

Dec 12th: Becky Bray

Dec 19th: John Maxwell

SONG LEADERS:

Dec 5th: Jody Johnston-Mohr

Dec 12th : Paul Holzworth

Dec 19th: Drew Wilson

PIANO:

Dec 5th: Teri Wittkowski

Dec 12th: Tewanta Lopez

Dec 19th: TBD

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on November 14 was 57 members and 3 guests. Guests were Ryan Hicks, guest of **Tracy Lindaman**, Pete Perez, guest of **Chris Cournoyer** and Matthew Doty, the speaker. Attending via Zoom were **Dr. Don Sierk** and **Steve Suiter**. Last week **Jody Johnston-Mohr** attended via Zoom and she wasn't listed. (So sorry, Jody.) All fines collected by Ross Paustian, with encouragement from President **Deanna** are being directed to "Adopt A Family" for the Holidays from Family Resources. Total collected was \$350. Thank you all for being generous!

Drew Wilson gave a reflection about mental and physical abilities. Shared that 10% of Americans cannot swallow a pill. They are physically capable, but have a mental block to doing it.

Pat Olsen reviewed notes about the Gala on November 21st. Bring cash for the 50/50 and for a \$5 game during the auction. Dietary concerns should be shared with him. Meet at 10:00 at Time Bank, 3rd floor to pack, 11:00 at Waterfront Convention Center to set up. Reminded everyone that beer and wine are free.

Theresa White announced Friendly Friday is November 21st - giving out pencils

Deanna Jensen Valiere told everyone to get ready for a holiday party that will have Karaoke, cookie exchange and an ugly sweater contest. Details to come. She also requested help for storage of a food truck for Argrow Cafe for the winter, (She had three offers.)

Jordan Williams announced that **Rich Pokora** was recognized by the Iowa Finance Authority for his work on the Ecumenical Housing Authority.

Jack Schinckel asked for rides to Rotary since **Merle Andersen** leaves for the winter.

Merle Andersen thanked the orphanage sponsors for getting their assessments in on time and shared that \$31000 was being send to the school.

Ross Paustian fine **Tracy Lindaman** for winning school board election, **Kay Pence** and **Maria Bibriesco** for attending new member orientation and everyone who had not registered for the Gala.

notes submitted by Becky Bray

GOODIE AUCTION:



A BIG shoutout to not only our bakers and bidders these past weeks, but our auctioneers and Vanna Whites as well! Thank you to all who volunteered time, talent or money to make this a success!

Apple pie baked by **Linda Paustian**, purchased by **Paul Kalainoff** \$185

Apple pie baked by Linda's students, purchased by **Tracy Lindaman** \$150

Jack Daniels chocolate chip pecan pie baked by **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**, purchased by **Fred Mulch** \$110

Total collected in seven weeks - \$4085. Many thanks to ALL the bakers and bidders!

ROTARY IN ACTION

I am so proud that as a club we came together and adopted a family in need after hearing from our presenter at Family Resources a couple weeks ago. And all it took was a brief shout out from Deanna, a bucket passed around the room, and now we have \$350 to help a family. Way to go North Scott Rotary!

Adopt a Family
A beloved program by
Family RESOURCES
We can turn wishes into a reality
this holiday season!

- **268 Total Wish Lists**
- **111 Adopted**
- **157 Need Adopted**

As of 11/12/25

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**: DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com



We are just days away from our Service Above Self Gala on Friday, November 21st at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. Below are important details to help you and your guests prepare for an incredible evening of service, celebration, and community impact.

Event Details

Date: Friday, November 21, 2025

Location: Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Attire: Business casual / professional

Silent Auction

Our silent auction will go live at 8:00 AM on Friday morning. A link to the QTEGO bidding platform will be sent out in the next day or two—watch for it so you can start bidding early!

New This Year: Arrive Early!

We're excited to roll out a brand-new twist to our raffle: Only 104 raffle tickets will be available \$100 each

The winning ticket holder will choose ANY live auction item as their prize

This is the first time we've ever offered a raffle like this, and we expect tickets to sell out quickly. Please encourage your guests to arrive early if they hope to purchase one.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank-you to:

Our sponsors for making this event possible
Our gala committee for their dedication and countless hours
Everyone who donated or procured auction items—your generosity fuels our mission

We're looking forward to an inspiring and impactful evening together.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Pat Olsen

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